

# City of Detroit

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TO: Deborah Gaskin, Director  
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FROM: Irvin Corley, Jr., Fiscal Analysis Director

DATE: April 25, 2011

RE: 2011-12 Budget Analysis

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Attached is our budget analysis regarding your department's budget for the upcoming 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Please be prepared to respond to the issues/questions raised in our analysis during your scheduled hearing on **Monday, May 2, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** We would then appreciate a written response to the issues/questions at your earliest convenience subsequent to your budget hearing. Please forward a copy of your responses to the Councilmembers and the City Clerk's Office.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our budget analysis.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Attachment

cc: Councilmembers  
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Auditor General's Office  
Floyd Stanley, Budget Department Deputy Director  
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## **Board of Ethics**

### **FY 2011-2012 Budget Analysis by the Fiscal Division**

#### **Summary**

In City Charter Section 2-106 Standards of Conduct, the Board of Ethics (Board) was established as an independent board. The Board of Ethics consists of seven members of the public: three appointed by City Council; three appointed by the Mayor; and one jointly appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Board members serve without compensation. City Council first enacted the Ethics Ordinance in 2000, and the ordinance was amended in 2006.

The Board issues advisory opinions on the meaning and application of provisions of the Charter, City ordinances or other laws or regulations establishing standards of conduct for elective officers, appointees, or employees. An elective officer, appointee, or employee renders advisory opinions upon written request. The Board annually in a report to the Mayor and City Council publishes advisory opinions. The opinions shall not disclose the identity of the elective officers, appointees, or employees concerned.

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2011-2012 includes appropriations \$272,170 in the City's Non-Departmental Agency, which is an increase of \$8,137 or 3% from fiscal year 2010-2011 budget of \$264,033.

#### **2010-2011 Surplus/(Deficit)**

There is no estimated surplus or deficit for the Board.

#### **Overtime**

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 does not budget any overtime for the Board, which is unchanged for fiscal year 2010-2011. As of March 31, 2011, the Board has no overtime expenses.

#### **Personnel and Turnover Savings**

The Mayor's 2011-2012 Budget proposes no changes the number of personnel. There is no projected turnover savings for the Board.

#### **Proposed Layoffs and Position Changes**

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2011-2012 includes no proposed layoffs and/or position changes in the number of FTE's budgeted for the Board.

## Significant Funding Changes in Appropriation

### Appro. Program

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The Mayor recommends a total fiscal year 2011-2012 appropriation budget of \$272,170 for the Board of Ethics, which is an increase of \$8,137 (3%) from the current year budget of \$264,033. The increase is the result of an increase of \$13,154 in employee benefits, a reduction of \$6,017 in operating services, and an increase of \$1,000 in other expenses.

## Issues and Questions

1. What has the Board of Ethics done in FY 2010-2011 to make City public servants, politicians, appointees, and employees more aware of the Ethics Ordinance and its impact on their work and City operations?
2. Does the Board of Ethics have any plans for educational and training programs for the fiscal year 2011-2012? If so, how will the programs be funded?
3. How many complaints did the Board investigate in 2010-2011?
4. How does the Computer Based Ethics Awareness Training Program contribute to the goals of the Board of Ethics?